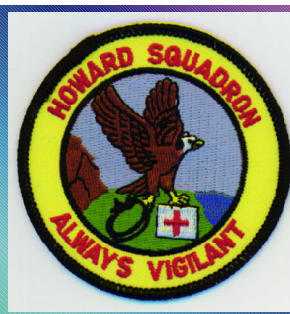




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## New Meeting Protocols

### **APL Retains the Squadron**

In the third quarter, it appeared as though Howard Squadron would be in need of a new meeting site. The ever growing pressures of security made it advisable that the Applied Physics Laboratory curtail the wide spectrum of public activities it supported with after hours time and space.

With the squadron at the very edge of migration however, the Laboratory security folks came to realize that Civil Air Patrol, itself an element of "homeland security", was part of the solution rather than part of the problem, and we have been permitted to remain in place.

A few changes have come to our habits in the form of an extra layer of sign - in at the desk and a firm requirement that no cadets be left freely roaming before a senior member is on site. Parents and guests are still free to join in the meeting activities or just observe -- so long as all get signed in with the guards.

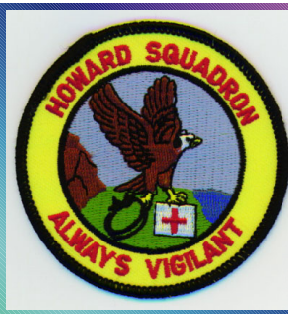


### **Emergency Service Activities**

On September 11, 2002, it was "deja vu all over again" as Howard Squadron personnel were involved (almost) in a missing person search centered in Columbia's Owen Brown Village center. After a game and timely effort to get a team ready, we arrived at the command post just in time to see the search target sitting comfortably in a police car, but it's the thought that counts! The notion of "catch and release"



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was discussed briefly — of course, we don't do that. In any case the search organizers responded with a note of thanks to everyone:

*I would like to thank the members of your teams who responded on the Alzheimer's Search in Howard County on Wednesday, 9/11. The subject was located along a travel route - as was anticipated would be the case. The subject was located near Route 32 and Cedar Lane by a citizen who had been provided a flyer at the Command Post earlier.*

*Thanks again to all for your rapid response and your professional performance. It was greatly appreciated.*

*Captain Bob Wiseman  
Howard County Fire & Rescue  
Special Operations Team*

## Outings and Events

Most popular with cadet and senior members alike was a training opportunity in firearms safety and use with an NRA instructor — one instructor per cadet, in fact.

With an 0800 start time in early July, the training began with an introduction to the bolt action 22 caliber weapon and points of safety. A survey of trouble shooting techniques for both arms and ammo followed and the group was ready for the range.

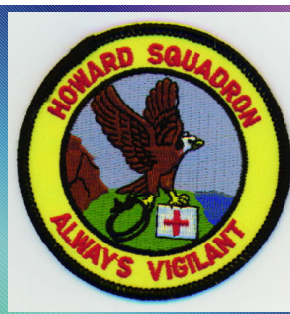
At the range a session of dry firing was prelude to live fire on five targets with 25 rounds.

Nine cadets were involved: A. Verble, R. Rockstroh, K. O'Malley, R. Medoff, B. McGinty, A. Griffin, K. Finson, G. Crone, and C. Crone.

### Public Affairs and Activities



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**Public  
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In late July, the Columbia International Festival provided us an excellent recruiting opportunity. Ably assisting senior members R. Whitehead, K. Redman, R. Terry, and K. Lewers were cadets D. Steciak, D. Wainland, A. Chandra, A. Griffin, R. Medoff, K. Kinnaman, and K. Finson. We made contact with several prospective members or parents and enjoyed the other groups.

Howard Squadron personnel were active as well in support of aerospace education activities. In mid-August we supported the CAF Air Show in Frederick with several cadets and the yeoman service of Doug Perkins. The results were somewhat chaotic with respect to cadet team management and relief, but the job got done. A more smoothly run operation (with quite adequate food and water) was the APL Aerospace picnic in late September. Here senior members R. Whitehead, R. Terry, and D. Perkins were joined by cadets D. Steciak, D. Wainland, K. O'Malley, and G. Perkins. We launched some rockets — with a miraculous recovery of one model — and enjoyed contacts with the community and press.

Completing the quarter was our support for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Farm Heritage Days" festival at nearby Mt. Pleasant Farm. Several senior members and sixteen cadets all performed our traditional parking mission, and rediscovered the fact that farm folks are very generous with food!

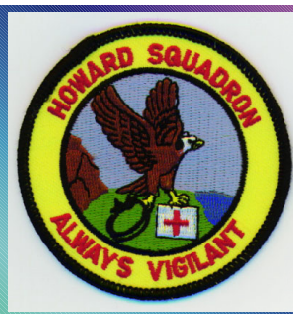


**A Surprise  
Civics  
Lesson**

While trolling off the Florida coast this summer, 2d Lt Jack Foley happened to snare about 15 lbs of **marijuana** on his line. Well, what do you do with such cargo? After some radio traffic: "Where are you now?", "Pitch it or get arrested!", proper contact was made with the Coast Guard and a very routine transfer was made. Honesty pays off!



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**Promotions  
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Awards**

**Cadets:**

**Crone, Chase**

**Crone, Grey**

**Finson, Kevin**

**Griffin, Andrew**

**Klebba, John**

**McGinty, Ben**

**Medoff, Richard**

**O'Malley, Kevin**

**Perkins, Greg**

**Summe, Scott**

**Wainland, David**

Curry — C/Amn ;

Lindbergh -- C/TSgt

Rickenbacker — C/Ssgt;

Arnold — C/A1C

Curry -- C/Amn;

Rickenbacker — C/Ssgt

Wright — C/SRA;

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Doolittle -- C/Msgt;

C/1 Lt.



**Daniel Steciak, David Wainland, Emily Hudson,**

**Avinash Chandra ..... Solo Wings**

**Rustin Rockstroh ..... Ground Team Member**

**Kelsey Kinnaman ..... B.C.U.T. (radio operator)**

**David Wainland,**

**Marcus Robinson ..... Red Service Ribbon**

**Quarterly  
Order  
of the  
Wingnut**

Awarded to the IACE OIC who parked our squadron van at Bolling AFB for some 8 weeks. The good news is that when the van is parked the roll over hazard is negligible!

